(d) what effectives steps have so far been taken by Government to establish small industries related to Khadi in the country, particularly in rural areas of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Under the Khadi Package, the Government through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is promoting establishment and renovation of institutional sales outlets across the country. Unviable Departmental outlets (Khadi Gramodyog, which are incurring continuous losses are in the process of being closed down.

(d) To strengthen and encorage establishment of small industries related to Khadi in the country, a package was announced by the Government on 14.5.2001, which *inter-alia* consists of Rebate Policy for five years, option of Rebate and Market Development assistance (MDA), Insurance cover in Khadi artisans, amphasis on improvement of Khadi products, creation of packaging and design facilities, measures to promote marketing, brand building, cluster development etc.

Rural industries in H.P.

924. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what initiative Government have taken to provide more employment opportunities in rural/Snow bound/Backward areas in Himachal Pradesh to promote Rural Industries in the State;

(b) the steps taken to improve village Industries in Himachal Pradesh, district-wise; and

(c) what assistance has been extended to the State under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM): (a) The Government through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is already implementing the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) throughout the country including Rural/Snow bound/Backward areas of Himachal Pradesh,. Under this schemes, 25% of the project

cost is provided as margin money. For project cost above Rs. 10 lakh and upto Rs. 25 lakh, the rate of margin money is 25% of Rs. 10 lakh plus 10% of the balance cost of the project. For weaker sections, the margin money grant is 30% of the project cost upto 10 lakhs and for balance amount (upto Rs. 25 lakhs) it is 10%. The beneficiary is required to invest his own contribution of 10% of the project cost. In case of SC/ ST and other weaker sections, beneficiary's contribution is 5% of the project cost.

(b) and (c) As on 31.3.2002, districts-wise number of village industry projects set up in Himachal Pradesh is given in the Statement *{See* below). The district-wise number of projects set up in Himachal Pradesh State (as on 31.3.2002) are given at Annexure-I. As on 31.2.2002 KVIC has provided Rs. 18.22 crore as margin money for the implementation of REGP in the State. In addition, it also provided various assistance, during 2002-03 as given below:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

1. For EDP training	10.30
2. Organizing Exhibition, Workshop and awareness camp etc. Physical verification.	5.56
3. Other promotional activities	5.00

Further the Khadi Package announced by the Government *inter-alia* provides for rebates policy for five years, Market Development Assistance, aggressive marketing, brand building, packaging and design facilities etc.

Statement

District-wise number of village industry project, set up in Himachal Pradesh (as on 31.3.2002)

SI. No.	District	No. of projects
1.	Mandi	149
2.	Manori	46
3.	Rampur	52
4.	Solan	32
5.	Sangrur	71

SI. No.	District	No. of projects
6.	Una	36
7.	Haridpur	51
8.	Shimla	86
9.	Hamirpur	72
10.	Kanara	39
11.	Kardwal	46
12.	Kangar	45
13.	Kinnar	38
14.	Kuilu	68
15.	Bayar	39
16.	Bilaspur	87
17.	Chandba	64
18.	Chatarole	47
	TOTAL :	1068

Leakage from Rawat Bhata Atomic Power Plant

925. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether controversies relating to radiation leakage from 'Rawat Bhata Atomic Power Plant in Rajasthan and 'Jaduguda Uranium Mines' have never been resolved;

(b) whether Government have conducted a high level and impartial enquiry regarding the leakages;

(c) if so, the details of the reports; and

(d) whether these reports can be made available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Issues raised in media reports regarding radiation leakage at the Rawat Bhata Atomic Power Plant in Rajasthan and the Jaduguda Uranium Mines were examined and clarified satisfactorily.

(b) and (c) It is clarified that there were no leakages beyond the prescribed limits laid down by the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board. The Government has assigned the responsibility to enforce radiological safety provisions in nuclear and radiation installations to the Atomic Energy